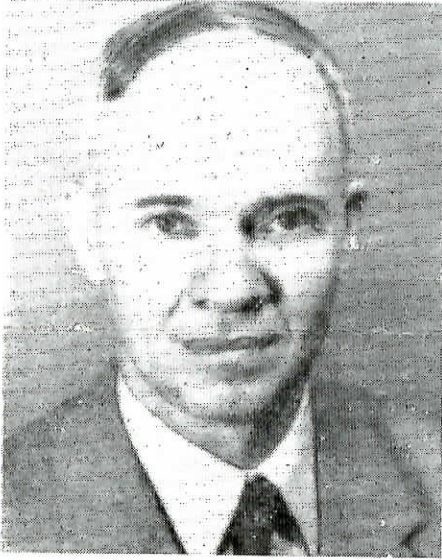


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Dr. Willard Loren Henning



Mr. Frederick George Bedford

## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Announcement was recently made of the coming of two new faculty members for the next school year.

Willard Loren Henning, will join the faculty as Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, teaching more specifically in zoology, the field of his specialization. Dr. Henning received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, having been granted the B.A. at Miami University, Ohio, and the M.A. at the University of Missouri. He holds membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Mammalogists, American Scientific Affiliation, the Wildlife Society, and the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Mrs. Henning will accompany Dr. Henning to Dayton sometime during the summer.

Frederick George Bedford, originally of Williamsport, Pa., comes to Bryan as Instructor in French, a position for which his B.A. degree from Houghton College, and his M.A. from Middlebury College, along with work he has done among the French Canadians, has well prepared him.

Coming to Bryan sometime this summer with Mr. Bedford will be Mrs. Bedford and their five-year-old son, Tommy.

## SENIORS HONORED

The Riegeldale Tavern, Trion, Georgia, a quaint Old English-style restaurant in which coffee is the strongest drink served, was the destination of the upperclassmen for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet on May 12.

En route to Trion the guests and hosts visited historic Chickamauga Battlefield in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Later in the evening, attired in semiformal dress, members of the party enjoyed the delightful atmosphere of southern hospitality. Soft candlelight and fresh flowers emphasized the springtime theme. With Willis Brownlee as toastmaster, the entertainment included the following musical selections: "Dance of the Gnomes," a piano solo by Donna Black; a vocal duet, "Under the Trees," by Lois Ringler and Norma

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## Miss Batson Gets Doctorate

At the commencement exercises of the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, held on June 1, Miss Beatrice Batson was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Dr. Batson is head of the English Department at Bryan.

Taking her work jointly at Vanderbilt University and George Peabody College, Dr. Batson majored in literature with emphasis on comparative literature. The topic of her dissertation is "The Treatment of American History In the American Novel, 1890-1910." She studied under such nationally known figures in literature as Hardin Craig, the great Shakespearean scholar, Randall Stewart, and Walter C. Curry. Because of the excellent work she did, she was elected to membership in the national honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

Having received her B.A. degree from Bryan University, Dr. Batson later completed the work for her M.A. at Wheaton College. She has been a member of the Bryan University faculty since 1944 and will return next year as Professor of English.



Dr. Beatrice Batson



## FROM MY HEART TO YOU



Having been President of the University for most of the twenty-five years since the University was chartered, I would like to call attention to the announced objectives and establish-

continue to have much to do with the future of the University. The completion of the building, under construction so many years, helps to guarantee the future of the school, but the objectives, policies and traditions established during the first quarter of a century in the life of the school will to a large extent determine the character of the school in the years to come.

In the words of the Charter, The William Jennings Bryan University was constituted "for the purpose of establishing, conducting and perpetuating a University for the higher education of men and women under auspices distinctly Christian and spiritual, as a testimony to the supreme glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Divine inspiration and infallibility of the Bible."

It will be seen from the charter that, although named for the great Christian statesman William Jennings Bryan after his defense of the Bible in the famous Tennessee Evolution Case, the emphasis is positive rather than negative and that there is no reason to become involved in the various political causes which Mr. Bryan espoused. Because of financial limitations, we have thus far confined our efforts to the operation of a definitely Christian Liberal Arts College to meet the needs of a select group of Christian young people.

Many decisions have had to be reached in following out the chief objectives of the University. These decisions have been prayerfully and thoughtfully made with the realization that the fundamental character of the University was involved and that our reputation was in the process of being established. What has been accomplished in overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles is a testimony to the faithfulness of God and God-called men and women in making the vision a reality.

We have always believed that high academic standards honor the

Lord. From the beginning we have worked on objectives leading to academic recognition, believing that such recognition would help in the attainment of the fundamental objectives as stated in the charter. Our credits are accepted by most colleges because they are recognized by the University of Tennessee, and we anticipate membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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## C. S. A. Reaches 4,000 Weekly

No student at Bryan has been a foreign missionary this year. However, it is interesting to note that 20,000 miles, or almost the distance around the earth, have been traveled by workers in the Christian Service Association. The Word of God has been taken to over 4,000 people each week.

Although \$750.00 has been spent for mileage and equipment costs, it should be remembered that many students have contributed the use of their automobiles toward this work. If they had filed mileage vouchers, the expenses would have been over \$1,000.00. Christians are concerned with economy and the careful handling of what the Lord provides. It is therefore encouraging to realize that the Gospel has been taught to others for 30 weeks at the rate of 25 cents per person.

Over each weekend 175 workers, or about three fourths of the student body, have gone out to various points of service within a 40-mile radius of Bryan Hill. Most of the work has been done in Rhea County, but portions of Hamilton and Bledsoe Counties have also been contacted. Teaching Bible in the public schools still has the greatest scope of all C. S. A. activities, for over 3,000 children are reached in this way each Monday. Child evangelism classes on Sunday afternoon have been the means for contacting many boys and girls who do not attend any other type of meeting for Christian education. The Pikeville Reformatory, housing 200 colored boys from all over the State of Tennessee, has had a steady witness all year. Many others have been reached by junior church, student pastorates, Sunday school, jail services, hospital visitation, open-air meetings, and house-to-house visitation.

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

(This month's letter comes from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Payne, who are serving with Mr. R. G. LeTourneau at Tournavista, Peru.)

We are sorry not to have a family picture of "Ted" and "Jo" and their children, George and Jobeth.)

Many moons have passed since this bunch of Indians sent a line your way, so here comes one now.

Contrary to what many might think, we've seen very few Indians since coming to Peru. At times several Indians (maybe a little family of fifteen or twenty) will come to Tournavista, some dressed in their native costumes, but for the most part they are dressed in the same type clothes which we wear. Some, in their wanderings, visit our meetings up river—seldom the same group twice because they change locations so much. They are generally a very friendly people—there being only one known hostile tribe in our whole section and they fight only when someone provokes them.

Our neighbors are the Peruvians, who prefer, for the most part, to live in a civilized manner but who lack the means. Their houses are the thatched roof type—some mere shacks, others quite nice. The company is teaching them better standards of living and offering medical care which is sorely needed (this, of course, is all part of our work and very rewarding when someone does change his manners).

Quite a few have accepted Christ and our special joy lately has been to hear them pray in public prayer meetings, expressing a burden for the Lord's work and the spread of the gospel to others. They are wonderful people and we enjoy our work with them more than any other phase of the work here.

However, in all these new things we're doing and though we are among a new group of people, our hearts and thoughts still find their way to our loved ones in the States—and so many times do we think and talk about Bryan and those of you who mean so much to us.

We wait as patiently as possible for Newsette and Bryanette and read every word of each. Much as we'd like to, it's quite out of the question to invite the choir to Tournavista during the Spring tour. Oh—how welcome would be such lovely music!





## GOSPEL MESSENGERS TAKE TO THE ROAD

Two groups of Gospel Messengers will be on the road this summer, one going to the East and then back into the central states, the other going southwest, then on up into the north central states.

The eastern group left Dayton for their first service in Greenville, S.C., on June 7. Their route will include other stops in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

A ladies' trio which includes Lois Ringler, Johnstown, Pa.; Norma Jenkins, New Castle, Pa.; Pearl Rathbun, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; with Barbara Ridder, Lansing, Ill., as pianist, and James Reese, Williamston, Mich., as vocal and trombone soloist will

travel in this group, with Mr. Gordon Talbot, Instructor in Christian Education, as director and speaker.

A male quartet, with Lyle Hillegas, Neenah, Wis., at the piano and Don Weltmer, Altoona, Pa., trumpeter, make up the western group on a tour which will include Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana. The quartet will be composed of Mark Davis, Red Jacket, W. Va., Howard Park, Mobile, Ala., Kenneth Campbell, Ajax, Ontario, Wilbur Pickering, Bolivia, S. A.

Together, the Messengers will appear in twenty-two states and will sing in approximately 150 services.

## UNIVERSITY OFFERS VARIED MAJORS

A student at Bryan University can choose from among eleven majors his particular area of pre-professional study. The majors which lead to the B.A. degree are Bible, Christian education, English, history, music, Greek, French, and Spanish. Majors in biology, zoology and mathematics lead to the B.S. degree.

Academic standards are high at this Christian liberal arts university, and as a result, Bryan University credits are recognized by the University of Tennessee. Other undergraduate and graduate schools also willingly accept them.

Since Bryan University is distinctly Christian liberal arts in its curricula, the administration and faculty recognize the need for a fully realized and wholly Christian world view. Rather than make the mistake of distinguishing between the sacred and the secular, Bryan University desires its professors to view their subject areas—whether historical, philosophical, linguistic or literary—as integral parts of God's truth, with the Word of God as the ultimate

criterion of truth.

In the development of the curricula Bryan personnel are looking to the future. The education department of the university recently pointed out the imperative of highly trained teachers—especially in public elementary and high schools. Because so many public school teachers have merely specialized in their field of education, they lack a broad liberal arts background. The resultant is that the children whom they teach are deprived of well-rounded curricula opportunities. One important objective of the education department at Bryan University, therefore, is to integrate the specialized education courses into the entire liberal arts curricula so that prospective teachers will graduate from Bryan with a broad general background of pre-professional training in the liberal arts. This liberal arts background will then serve as the basis of higher standards in the teaching profession.

Bryan University constantly seeks to improve its departments of study

by the addition of new courses. Some recently introduced courses in the philosophy department are Contemporary Philosophy, Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, Christian Theism, and courses in the philosophies of Thomas Aquinas and Immanuel Kant. Recent offerings in the English department are Main Currents in Modern Literature, a course designed to stress twentieth century writings in the light of intellectual, economic and social trends; and General Humanities, a study of literature, music, painting, sculpture, and architecture as the products of underlying philosophical concepts which prevailed throughout the centuries.

It has been said that the call today is for a "renaissance of evangelical scholarship." Through developing an improved liberal arts curricula, Bryan University expects to answer the call, producing trained youth distinguished by spiritual fervor and intellectual strength.

## Recitals Occupy Prominent Place In Social Calendar

During the last of April and the early days of May music has occupied a major place in the social life of Bryan University, beginning with an organ recital given by David L. Heydenburk, Assistant Professor of Music. Mr. Heydenburk's wide variety of compositions provided an evening of interesting and delightful music, made even more so by the informal remarks of explanation and musical history offered by the artist by way of introduction to some of the numbers.

The student recital, including vocal, organ, and piano numbers by students of Mr. Woughter and Mr. Heydenburk, was considered by many to be one of the best offered by the department and presented a number of the students in religious, classical, and semi-classical numbers.

The final recital of the year presented Gerald L. Woughter, Associate Professor of Music and tenor soloist, in one of his always interesting and pleasing programs. Included were old ballads, accompanied by David Jones, student guitarist, two religious compositions with a background provided by the pianist, Mr. Heydenburk, and two faculty members, violinists Miss Lou Rouch and Mr. Gordon Talbot, and other works, many of which had a literary beginning.



## SENIORS HONORED

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Jenkins; and a baritone solo by Harry Goehring, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The vocals were accompanied by Ardis Johnson. Reading of the traditional Class Will and Prophecy was then presented by the juniors.

Mr. George Burnham, speaker of the evening, gave a unique and challenging message concerning his observations as a reporter for the **Chattanooga News-Free Press** in his travels with Dr. Billy Graham.

All arrangements were made by the committee consisting of Martha King, Joann Hinkle, Larry Fehl, and Malcolm Bradshaw.

## FROM MY HEART TO YOU

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In outlining a curriculum we decided that, although this is a liberal arts college, every student should take at least one course in Bible and that the Bible should be the textbook. Because of the historical background of the school and because we are a liberal arts college, it was decided that we should offer courses in science requiring laboratory work, even though such courses are more expensive. We believe that the facts of science support the Biblical account of creation and that science courses taught by godly teachers help to establish young people in the faith on a positive, firm foundation.

In the beginning it was decided that we should have a nation-wide Christian testimony and ministry. We have therefore avoided becoming another Southern mountain school. To meet the financial needs of worthy young people, we have self-help opportunities of various kinds, including work in our own print shop, but we have purposely avoided the establishment of industries or commercial establishments in competition with private enterprise which might characterize Bryan in the public mind as an industrial or trade school.

Early in the life of Bryan University, to the disappointment of many local friends, we decided

against a big intercollegiate sports program. I have seen the need for a gymnasium in a new light this year as I have tried to make up for my many years of neglected physical exercise. With the growth of our student body we realize as never before the necessity of a gymnasium to meet the physical needs of our students and staff members, but we still see the danger of attaching too much importance to an athletic program.

A vital and I believe essential part of Bryan University is the Christian service program which, though neither anticipated nor planned initially, has developed to meet the need for a Christian witness, an objective that is stated in the charter. God has used this program to bless the people of this area and to give our students training and experience in practical Christian work. As a result we have a keen interest in missions, and many of our graduates are entering the ministry and others are going to the foreign mission field.

The permanent welfare of any institution depends upon the adoption and steadfast pursuit of clearly defined objectives. It is not always easy to distinguish between the main road and what turns out to be a side road. The good or expedient for the time being may later on displace the best. There are many temptations to deviate in emphasis and objectives, so it is not easy to follow a course of action year after year. Since there must be some flexibility in tactics and methods to meet new situations one must ever be alert to distinguish between what will promote and what will hinder the accomplishment of the main objectives.

Please pray that the trustees will soon locate God's appointed man to succeed me as President of Bryan University. Please pray that the new president will be anointed of God for his responsibilities and that he will have wisdom and strength to guide the University in the fulfillment of its destiny.

Sincerely yours,  
Judson A. Rudd  
President Emeritus

## Commoner Dedicated

Catching everyone by surprise at a singspiration on May 12, the Junior Class presented its project—the 1956 **Commoner**. Present for chapel were Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers, close friends of the university personnel for many years. They, too, were somewhat unprepared for what followed when Editor-in-chief Frank Henley read: "True friendship merits deepest gratitude from those who have basked in its warmth.

"May this volume symbolize the deep appreciation hitherto felt, yet unexpressed, by those of us who have been the objects of your sincere interest. Because we have been enriched by your acquaintance and inspired by your selfless work of love, we dedicate this, our 1956 **Commoner**, to you Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers."

Mr. Rogers is a local member of the Board of Trustees.

Inside the beautiful sea-green binding are over a hundred pages showing in picture and in word life on Bryan Hill, telling the story of the progress of the University.

## JUNIORS, FRESHMEN WIN

With a total score of 155 points the men of the junior class led the field in intra-mural sports for the year. The freshman class girls, also with a score of 155 points, led the girl's division. The sophomore men, with 115, and the junior girls with 110 points captured second places. Other scores were as follows: senior men, 105; freshmen, 100; sophomore girls, 90; seniors, 65.

Forensic activities included extemporaneous and impromptu speeches, a debate, dramatic readings, book reviews, and humorous programs. The junior class with a score of 50 points, took first place. Other classes were as follows: freshmen, 45 points; sophomores, 40; and seniors, 15.

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